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I work in the IT Industry and am very concerned with the proposed settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust Suite.
Of particular concern is:

Section III.A.2. allows Microsoft to retaliate against any OEM that ships Personal Computers containing a competing Operating System but no Microsoft operating system.

Section III.B. requires Microsoft to license Windows on uniform terms and at published prices to the top 20 OEMs, but says nothing about smaller OEMs. This leaves Microsoft free to retaliate against smaller OEMs, including important regional 'white box' OEMs, if they offer competing products.

These sections clearly allow Microsoft to continue to strong arm most companies who wish to stay competetie 'bend' to microsoft will.
This proposed settlement is NO FIX TO THE MONOPOLISTIC POLICIES OF MICROSOFT AT ALL!

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